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For: METHOD OF ADJUSTING THE BRIGHTNESS OF AN IMAGE,
DIGITAL CAMERA AND IMAGE PROCESSOR USING THE METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2003
Technology Center 2600

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2002, the period for response being extended to January 5, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 has been corrected to be designated as "Prior Art" and is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 9 and 13 with the following amended claims: Please note that claims 1, 9, 13 are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

1. (Amended) A method of adjusting the brightness of an image, the method comprising the steps of:
acquiring image data by an image acquisition device;

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